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LETTER DATED 18 JANUARY 1991 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF BOLIVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the Statement by the Government of Bolivia on the conflict in the Persian Gulf issued on 17 January 1991.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Statement by the Government of Bolivia on the conflict in the Persian Gulf

Barely had the conflict in the Persian Gulf arisen when the Government of President Paz Zamora strongly condemned Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. The President of Bolivia has constantly expressed the dismay of the Bolivian people at the course of events and at the failure of the actions aimed at finding a peaceful solution to this conflict. Bolivia has been acting in close co-ordination with the fraternal countries of Latin America, particularly those making up the Rio Group, and within the framework of the initiatives taken by the international community and the United Nations.

Bolivia deeply regrets that all these efforts have proved fruitless in the face of immutable and irrational positions and that, following a process of various requests and initiatives for dialogue, no other course remained open than to implement the resolutions of the Security Council, under whose mandate the coalition forces have had to take action.

Likewise, the President stated that Bolivia is a country which lives in peace and is in favour of world peace, and will join in any effort by the international community to transform the process of violence that has been let loose into a process of peaceful solutions.

Despite these regrettable developments, the Government of Bolivia considers that faith and confidence must not be lost that ultimately, and within the shortest possible time, peace will be restored in the affected region and mankind will enjoy again the right to develop free from the horrors of war.

La Paz, 17 January 1991